Rep. Vern Buchanan wrote a letter this week to the bipartisan leadership of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee requesting a congressional inquiry into reports of mismanagement at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Washington Post reported that among other problems, the Cemetery's record-keeping system of grave sites for veterans and family members fails to match-up correctly even today; the Cemetery failed to switch to a computerized tracking and record-keeping system even though Congress appropriated millions of dollars for such a system; and, the two top managers of the Cemetery could not work well together over almost 20 years together at Arlington.

Rep. Buchanan also wrote a letter to Army Secretary John McHugh in June expressing outrage about prior reports of misconduct at Arlington National Cemetery.

"Arlington Cemetery is sacred, hallowed ground. We must do everything possible to restore it to its rightful place as the crown jewel of our veterans cemeteries."

To read Rep. Buchanan's letter to the VA Committee, please follow this link: <u>Buchanan Letter</u> To House VA Committee